



## **Pedestrian/Bicycle Advisory Committee Meeting     June 12, 2006**

### **Meeting Summary**

Attendees:     Glenn Eades, Bertha Eades, Dave Alm

City Staff:     Lori Peckol, Joel Pfundt

#### **1. Bicycle and Pedestrian Crossings along SR520 Trail:**

The City's Traffic Operations Division is working with WSDOT on making signage improvements at some of these locations. The discussion focused on this and other possible improvements to reduce conflicts and safety concerns. These locations have also been identified as a location for potential funding through the Local Efficiency Action Program (LEAP), which has been recommended to be funded by the Business Tax/Transportation Improvement Committee.

- The Observation was made by one member of the group that because of the amount of activity at these locations people have gotten used to the situation and it is not as big an issue as it used to be, but it remains a serious problem.
- The idea of signage was supported by committee members

#### **Problem:**

- Conflicts with right turn on red when taking a free right turn from eastbound NE 40 Street and NE 51 Street, or southbound West Lake Sammamish Pkwy
- Right turns off of westbound freeway off-ramp when driver has green light and bicyclist or pedestrian has walk signal.

#### **Possible Solutions:**

- Signage in advance
- Overhead signage
- Loop detection
- Treatment of pavement
- In-pavement lighting – potential color modifications (This has not been done anywhere we know of in the country and would be highly experimental.)
- City staff will contact UW researcher to find out if there are other treatments
- Potential for these conflicts also exists at 148 Avenue NE and SR 520, but this is in Bellevue
- The most important thing is to come up with ways to let people know there is a trail there.

#### **2. Overlake Neighborhood Plan Update:**

Lori Peckol, Principal Planner in the City's Long Range Planning Division came did a presentation on the status of the Overlake Neighborhood Plan Update. Her presentation included the following items:

- Context/Background
  - Viewpoint Neighborhood will be done separately
  - Bel-Red Corridor Study in Bellevue
- Vision
- Refine because
- Project purpose
- Residential Market Analysis:
- The Charrette
  - 50 people attended
  - Visual preference survey (positive)
    - High quality materials
    - Medium density
    - Mix of uses
    - Main Street concept
    - Gateway
  - Visual preference survey (negative)
    - Parking in front
    - Too dense/not dense enough
  - Development Experts Panel
- Charrette Results/Conclusions
  - Nine themes
    - Create a Sense of Place
    - Create a place where people want to live
    - Encourage a diverse mix of uses
    - 152<sup>nd</sup> Ave NE a linear neighborhood core
    - Improve streetscape
    - Create a system of connected open spaces
    - Improve local access and street grid
    - Accommodate regional through traffic
    - Support regional and local transit connections

#### **Comments from the Committee**

- Addition of parks and open space is very important
- BROTS North-South Study – take a look at it
- Concern about 148 Avenue NE as a bike corridor
- 152 Avenue NE connections in Bellevue
- Pedestrian issues – how is Bellevue handling this?
- Grade separation for pedestrians?
- Preserve bike/ped connections through Microsoft campus
- Plan for station locations accessible for bikes, pedestrians, transit
- Issue with Overlake Park & Ride

#### **3. Neighborhood Connections: NE 57 Street Connection**

- Has neighborhood been informed? Staff will check.
- PBAC is supportive
- Neighborhood most likely will be very supportive of the project

#### **4. PSE Trail Grant from Sammamish River Trail to SR 202**

Initial recommendation from the regional selection committee is that the City has been successful in obtaining a grant to perform planning and design for this section of trail.

- PBAC is supportive of this project and asked about what could PBAC do help move this along. Staff will keep PBAC informed of its role in this project.

5. **East Lake Sammamish Trail at SR 520 Off Ramp Issue**

Staff briefed PBAC and is working on resolving this issue. Staff is preparing a letter that will be sent from King County and the City of Redmond to WSDOT regarding concerns about the removal of the grade separation component of the SR 520 widening project. Staff will keep PBAC informed and may ask that the committee consider sending a letter as well.

***NEXT MEETING***

**Possible Agenda Items**

- PSE Trail – Willows to Rose Hill
- Neighborhood Connection
- ELSP trail crossing at SR520
- Overlake Neighborhood field trip